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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of :  
Farina, Swavely, Vennari, Broome, :  
and Bales : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
Application No. 10/824,778 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
Filed: 14 April, 2004 :  
Attorney Docket No. 3558.1000-004 :

This is in response to the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on  
24 November, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown that the non-signing inventor, Leticia M. Broome, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been sent a copy of the application papers. Specifically, the petitioners have shown that a copy of the above-identified application was sent to the non-signing inventor. The non-signing inventor, however, has failed to sign and return the declaration naming her as a joint inventor along with Dino J. Farina, Donald C. Swavely, John A. Vennari, and Franklin A. Bales.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition, not the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being referred to Technology Center 3600 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3231.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Wood".

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